Crimes against SC/ST/Minorities in Tamil Nadu

1165. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of atrocities such as criminal assault, molestation, rape, murder etc. committed against women, SC/ST and minorities in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) the number of cases in which the culprits have been brought to book and punished;

(c) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has been warned against such crimes being committed in the State; and

(d) if so, what is reaction of the State Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Information received from National Crime records Bureau about atrocities on SCs/STs and women during the last 3 years is given in the annexed statement, *(see* below) Information regarding crime committed against minorities is not available with the National Crime Records Bureau.

(c) and (d) 'Police' and 'Public Order' being State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crimes is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Minorities and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Statement

(A) Incidence of Crimes Committed Against Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu During 1997—99

SI. No.	State' UT	Murder	Hur	Rape	Kidnapping & Abduction	Dacoity	Robbery	Arson	Per Ac	SOST (Prev.) of Atrocities Act 1989	Other Offences	Total
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1997		11	983	9	2	1	1	0	193	93	110	1403
1998		30	650	4	5	0	0	23	165	300	385	1562
1999*		20	165	12	11	0	3	1	109	366	196	883

(B) Incidence of Crimes Committed Against Scheduled Ttibes in T«mil Nadu During 1997—99

SI. No.	Statt/ UT	Murder	Hurt	Rape	Kidnapping & Abduction	Dacoity	Robbery	Arson	Per Act (Prev.)	SOST Atrocities	of J 1989 Act	Other Offences	Total
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1997		8	134	2	3	0	0	0	54	18	8	227	
1998		2	7	1	0	0	0	0	14	7	0	31	
1999*		1	70	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	13	105	

Source: Crime in India Data * Monthly Crime Statistics

(C) Cases Registered (RG), Cases Chargesheeted (CH) and Cases Convicted (Co) under Crime Committed Against Women in Tamil Nadu During 1997—99

S. No.	Crime Heads	1997			1998			1999		
		RG	CH	CO	RG	CH	CO	RG	CH	CO
1.	Rape	324	288	74	362	320	63	374	NA	NA
2.	Kidnapping & Abduction	989	393	93	993	465	102	819	NA	NA
3.	Dowry Death	153	115	19	176	153	22	167	NA	NA
4.	Molestation	1461	1267	526	1779	1551	522	1787	NA	NA
5.	Sexual Harassment	1532	1522	1365	1230	1123	1032	2399	NA	NA
6.	Cruelty by Husband or Telatives	424	357	89	440	349	89	569	NA	NA
7.	I.T.P. Act	3863	3855	3957	5937	5945	5555	5879	NA	NA
8.	Dowry Prohibition Act	289	293	139	269	236	82	156	NA	NA
9.	Ind. Rep. of Women (P) Act	1	0	0	10	4	1	1	NA	NA
10.	Sati Prevention Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA	NA
11.	Importation of Girls	8	NA	NA	5	NA	NA	0	NA	NA
	Total	9044	8090	6262	11201	10146	7468	12151		

Surce: 1997 & 1998 Crime in India 1999- Monthly Crime Statistics

Note: 1. NA Stands for Not Available 2. Figures of 1999 are Provisional